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Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97, Applicants hereby make of record the documents listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449 for consideration by the Examiner in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application. If any of the publications listed are missing, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned so that a copy can be promptly forwarded.

I hereby certify that the documents referred to as attached therein and/or fee are being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as "first class mail" in an envelope addressed to "Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231" on October 25, 2001.

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It is respectfully requested that the references cited in the accompanying Form PTO-1449 be considered and made of record. It is respectfully submitted that the pending claims are patentable over all of the references made of record at this time.

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